

standing of Industry Lodge at the time the said Lodge broke up. Your Secretary in looking over the books of the late Industry Lodge, No. 25, find the names of the said brothers connected with the breaking up of said Lodge, and therefore did not feel justified in sending Cards, or answering said letter until laid before this Grand Body and receive their instructions.

(4.) Your Secretary received a communication from Mr. William Irving, of Newbury, C. W., dated October 11th 1864, requesting information and the expense of opening a Lodge of Odd Fellows in that Village. I immediately answered his letter, giving him all necessary information, together with a copy of the By-Laws of Eureka Lodge and the proceedings of the Last Grand Lodge. In reply I received an answer from him stating it would be impossible to start a Lodge at the present time.

(5.) According to resolution on page 294 of our Journal regarding the original dispensation of Brock Lodge No. 9 not being cancelled I wrote to D. D. G. M. Bro. John Taylor, Jr., requesting him to carry out the instructions of this Grand Body by cancelling the original dispensation. I have much pleasure in informing this Grand Body that the D. D. G. Master has carried out the request of this Grand Body, and said original dispensation was cancelled by the D. D. G. M., Bro. John Taylor, Jr.

(6.) In accordance with the resolution on page 292 of our Journal, regarding the Testimonial to P. D. G. Master, Bro. J. R. Peel, the executive officers of this Grand Lodge has carried the spirit of said resolution into effect by appropriating the sum of thirty dollars towards said Testimonial. Your Secretary notified all Lodges in due time that the said Testimonial would be presented to Bro. J. R. Peel at the present session of this Grand Body. Also informed the said Bro. J. R. Peel that his presence would be required at this session of the Grand Lodge to receive said Testimonial.

(7.) The By-Laws of Excelsior Lodge No. 44, is hereby laid before this Grand Body for their approval.

(8.) The semi-annual Returns for both terms have been duly received from all Lodges except Rond Eau, No. 40, and Thames No. 43. Both these Lodges have ceased to work. I have written to them several times but received no answer. I am informed by the M. W. Grand Master that he has received a communication from the D. D. G. Master, Joseph Sewell of Rond Eau Lodge, which communication will give this Grand Lodge all the information regarding the position and state of affairs of said Rond Eau Lodge.

Thames Lodge, Mitchell has been most lukewarm in the cause of Odd Fellowship for the last year, members neglecting to attend their Lodge meeting, and no interest taken in the work owing to defaulting treasurers. On Saturday last D. D. G. Master Wm. McNeil called on me with the Charter, Working Books and Odes of said Lodge. The Minute Book and other Books connected with the working of the Lodge together with its funds has been stolen by their treasurer and cannot be found. The Furniture was sold to pay the rent due, and the Regalia was divided among a few of the Brothers. Some other things were borrowed from the St. Mary's Lodge, which Bro. McNeil says will be returned to said Lodge. In my conversation with the said Brother McNeil I have learned that the whole cause of the breaking up of the Lodge was by defaulting treasurers, and the careless manner in which the Lodge was worked. He promised that if at any future time any article connected with the working of Thames Lodge can be found he will forward immediately to the proper officer of this Grand Lodge. I feel confident that D. D. G. M., Bro. McNeil did all in his power to keep the Lodge working. The Charter Books, &c., are now in the possession of this Grand Lodge.